# Tan-Renga

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Tan-Renga / tanka

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*the searchlight*
*spot on*
*her eyes roll*

a leopard
on the baobab tree

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*otamiri solitude*
*the river bends*
*inward my soul*

aquatic animals
affected by erosion

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*ice shaving*
*cocktail of*
*african star apple*

toddler stoops
for its seed

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saint Bakhita
the child slave

*of the sweet old world*
*smile from her cheeks*
*redeeming man*

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*walking down the aisle*
*the church organ plays*
*here comes the bride*

she debates—
I do

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the owl
begins its inquiry

*dark sunset*
*the shadow trails her*
*deep into herself*

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contract
agreement

*from the beginning*
*...it seems*
*never to set*

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*home*
*the orchid's*
*scent*

borrowed
from a eucalyptus

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falling twilight
a whirlwind tour
of lunch and breakfast

*yesterday's visitor*
*uninvited*

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*palm kernel oil*
*those rigid hands*
*of the native healer*

deep tissue massage
the pain unknots

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*the old world vulture appear*
*on the pathway*
*Uo*
of a green dragon's
breath

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*midnight moon*
*shivers of her labor*
*water breaking*

the cry of a newborn
in the bush

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